

Clendon Park School Road Safety Policy

Purpose

To ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students, staff, and whanau by promoting safe, lawful, and respectful driving and parking behaviours around Clendon Park School.

Scope

This policy applies to all parents, caregivers, staff, contractors, and visitors within the immediate school environment, particularly during pick-up and drop-off times.

Key Traffic Law Infringements

- Failing to use a pedestrian crossing – Pedestrians must use the zebra crossing where one is available. Crossing outside creates unsafe habits for children.
- Parking on or too close to a pedestrian crossing – Vehicles must not stop or park within 6 metres of a crossing.
- Parking across or in private driveways – It is illegal to obstruct any driveway or entrance.
- Parking on the footpath – Vehicles must not park on or partly on the footpath. Footpaths are for pedestrians, not vehicles.
- Parking or stopping on yellow lines or 'No Stopping' areas – This obstructs traffic and limits visibility.
- Leaving the car idling or unattended – It is unsafe and illegal to leave a running vehicle unattended.

Policy Guidelines

- **Crossing the Road:** All parents, caregivers, and students are expected to use the designated zebra crossing. Teachers will encourage correct crossing behaviour.
- **Parking and Pick-Up Areas:** Do not park on the footpath, across driveways, within 6 metres of crossings or corners, on yellow lines, or in 'No Stopping' zones. Use only designated pick-up and drop-off areas. If you think your convenience is more important than the safety of our children, we will speak with you or take still images and send them to authorities.
- **Courtesy and Respect:** Treat staff on duty with respect. Be mindful of residents' driveways and property access.
- **Vehicle Idling:** Turn off engines when waiting to reduce emissions and noise pollution.

Education and Communication

The school will provide regular reminders through newsletters, social media, and signage. Classroom learning and student-led road patrols will reinforce safe road behaviour.

Enforcement and Collaboration

The school will work with Auckland Transport and NZ Police School Community Officers to monitor road safety, provide education, and install appropriate signage and markings.

Campaigns and Initiatives

Initiatives such as 'Park Smart – Keep Tamariki Safe' and 'Footpaths Are for Feet' will promote awareness. Parents are encouraged to use Park & Walk options and sign a Parent Safety Pledge at the start of each year.

Review

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure alignment with current road safety standards and community needs.